

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE  
PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 23, 2022**

**1. ROLL CALL**

Chair Figueroa called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: (Via Zoom Webinar) Commissioner(s): Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

ABSENT: Commissioner(s) Sanchez

Also, Present (Via Zoom Webinar): Ariana De La Cruz, Recreation Supervisor and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Alejandro Miramontes De Anda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PRESENTATIONS None.**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Lopez (Naomi), seconded by Lopez (Rudy) and Carried **4-0** to approve the agenda.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

Absent Commissioner(s) Sanchez

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Figueroa opened public comments.

Seeing that there are no public comments at this time Chair Figueroa closed public comments.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR**

6a. Minutes of January 26, 2022

A motion was made by Lopez (Rudy), seconded Miranda De Anda and carried **4-0** to approve the consent calendar.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

Absent Commissioner(s) Sanchez

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS**

7a. **MONUMENT WALL APPLICATION**

Mrs. De La Cruz presented the Patriotic Commission Board with Mr. Kaitangian monument wall application for their review.

A motion was made by Lopez (Rudy), seconded Lopez (Naomi) a carried **4-0** to approve Mr. Kaitangian monument wall application.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

Absent Commissioner(s) Sanchez

Commissioner Sanchez joined the meeting via zoom webinar at 6:14 p.m.

**8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS, INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS**

Commissioner Figueroa attended the senior center Valentine's Day Drive-Thru and stated that she enjoyed the drive-thru.

**9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA**

9a. Chair Blanca Figueroa

1. Consideration of Creating a Veteran's Statue or Statues honoring our military heroes. Location right side wall next to City Hall with lighting illuminating on it 24/7. Ex. 3 different cultures Hispanic, African, American, Anglo). Standing or kneeling.

Chair stated that she would like a statue to honor Veterans. She stated that the monies can be raised by fundraising, donations or with the help of the Patriotic Commission budget. Vice-Chair (Naomi) Lopez mentioned that she recalls that the Patriotic Commission Board was not allowed to fundraise. Commissioner Miramontes De Anda asked if there is a budget for these types of projects. Mrs. De La Cruz stated that there isn't a budget for these types of projects. She also stated this project would most likely take some time to be completed and require staff to do some research including cost, type of statue and location.

A motion was made by Figueroa, seconded Lopez (Rudy) and carried **5-0** to have staff conduct some research regarding a Veteran's Statue.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

2. Consideration of Military Christmas Tree to have patriotic ornaments to include Army, Airforce, Navy, Marines, US Coast Guard. Ornaments to be donated by residents, Veterans Soldiers or their families.

Chair Figueroa would like a Veterans Christmas tree to be displayed inside the City Hall for the residents to enjoy. She asked if it could be advertised in the City's newsletter asking residents and veterans to donate Veterans Christmas ornaments. Mrs. De La Cruz stated that it still early in the year to discuss this matter and can have further conversation regarding this matter. She also mentioned that the items can be stored in the Community Services Department storage. Vice-Chairperson Lopez (Naomi) asked if it could be possible to place the ornaments in the current Christmas tree that the City displays in front of City Hall.

A motion was made by Figueroa, seconded by Miramontes De Anda and carried **3-2** to have Veterans Christmas Tree during the holidays.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez

NAYS: Commissioner(s) Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy)

3. Consideration of having a Veteran's Day Parade. Invite Veteran and active soldiers from South El Monte, invite congressional, assembly and other local elected government officials, have them ride on decorated cars etc.

Chair Figueroa would like to know about the possibility of having a Veteran's Day Parade in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Ceremony. Mrs. De La Cruz stated that this is something that can be done. Chair Figueroa stated that she would like to invite congressional, assembly, and other local elected government officials. Chair Figueroa asked if staff can find out the logistics to get cars for the parade.

Motion was made by Figueroa, seconded by Sanchez and carried **5-0** to have a Veteran's Day Parade in conjunction with the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

AYES: Commissioner(s) Figueroa, Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, and Sanchez

NAYS: Commissioner(s) None

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business coming before this body, at 7:18 p.m. Chair Figueroa adjourned the meeting to a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 23,2022 at 6:00 p.m.